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1. CAMPAIGN NO. 1. PRESENT AND FUTURE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. ACTIONS 2 AND 3 COMPLETED. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB) WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A LISTING OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FROM BANK DATA (ACTION NO. 1) IS DUPLICATIVE OF OUR OTHER EFFORTS AND IMPRACTICAL. WHENEVER A MAJOR PROJECT IS OPENED BY THE CDB, WE SEND IN TO'S OR GOVERNMENT TENDERS IN THE USUAL FASHION. THIS METHOD BRINGS POTENTIAL SALE DIRECTLY TO ATTENTION OF SUPPLIER IN WAY THAT MERE PROJECT LISTING COULD NOT DO. FOR INSTANCE, CDB LOANS FOR "INDUSTRIAL ESTATES" OR "BANANA IMPROVEMENT" WOULD BE SO VAGUE AND INDEFINITE REGARDING MATERIAL OR SERVICE DESIRED AS TO MAKE THEM USELESS. ACTION NO. 4 HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED; HOWEVER, CERTAIN PROJECT OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. HOPEFULLY, WE CAN HOST SPECIFIC FUNCTION FOR MAJOR PROJECT DURING SECOND QUARTER FY 1975.

2. CAMPAIGN NO. 2, FERTILIZERS, ETC. ACTION NOT COMPLETED BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL (REF (C), PARA 2 (C). EMBASSY HAS WRITTEN TO AGATTACHE WITH VIEW TO OBTAINING APPROPRIATE MATERIAL AND WILL DISCUSS THIS CAMPAIGN WITH HIM DURING VISIT IN MID-DECEMBER.

3. CAMPAIGN NO. 3, REMOVAL OF GOB RESTRICTIONS ON US FOOD, ETC. ACTIONS 1, 2 COMPLETED. EXPECT TO COMPLETE ACTION 3 DURING
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AGATTACHE'S DECEMBER VISIT.

4. CAMPAIGN NO. 4, BOATS, ETC. ACTION NOT COMPLETED BECAUSE
OF LACK OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL (REF (C). POST HAS REQUESTED
SUCH MATERIAL FROM SOME OF LEADING MANUFACTURERS AND HAS
CONFERRED WITH LOCAL WATERSPORT SHOPS CONCERNING BEST MANNER
OF IMPLEMENTING CAMPAIGN.
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